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FOR AMBASSADOR KINTNER FROM AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROBLEMS

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B) SECDEF/DSAA MESSAGE DTG 260200Z OCTOBER 1974

C) CSAF/LGFD MESSAGE DTG 312218Z OCTOBER 1974

1. THE LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THESE MESSAGES AS THEY AFFECT OUR MAP PROGRAMS ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO ME, AND I FIND WASHINGTON'S INSTRUCTIONS UNCLEAR IN SOME IMPORTANT RESPECTS. I PROPOSE THAT WE MEET AT UDORN TO DISCUSS WHAT I BELIEVE ARE UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THAI-AM/UDORN AND O&M FUNDING FOR THE THAI-AM/UDORN OPERATION BEFORE GENERALS TREFRY AND HIXON LEAVE FOR THE MAAG CHIEFS' CONFERENCE. WE MIGHT ALSO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF THE RTG'S REFUSAL TO CONTINUE TRAINING THE FAR IN THAILAND WITHOUT A LETTER FROM THE RLG MINISTER OF DEFENSE REQUESTING THE TRAINING. THESE ARE MATTERS OF CONCERN TO BOTH OF US. IF THEY ARE UNRESOLVED, THEY COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE LAO MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND, ULTIMATELY, ON LAO-THAI RELATIONS.

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2. IN RECOMMEND WE MEET FROM 0900 HOURS TO 1200 HOURS
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1974, AT UDORN. WE COURJRYYYVAVE LUNCH AFTER
THE MEETING. WARM REGARDS.
WHITEHOUSE

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